

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF FITZWILLIAM  
TOWN WARRANT 2022**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Fitzwilliam, in the County of Cheshire, in said State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs, you are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitzwilliam on Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of March next between eleven (11:00) o'clock in the forenoon and even (7:00) o'clock in the afternoon to act on issues required to be voted on by ballot (Articles 1 through 3 ) and to meet at seven (7:00) in the afternoon at Fitzwilliam Town Hall to act on the business matters of the Town (Articles 4 through 19 ). The polls will be open on ballot issues not later than 11:00 a.m. and close not earlier than 7:00 p.m., or such later time as shall be authorized by a vote of the Town.

**ARTICLE 1.** To bring in your votes for the election of one Selectman for three years; one Selectman for one year; one FireWard for three years; two Budget Committee Members for three years; one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years; Two Trustee of the Library for three years; one Trustee of the Library for two years; one Cemetery Trustee for three years; two Planning Board members for three years; one Commissioner of Plante Memorial Park for three years; one Supervisor of the Checklist for four years.

**ARTICLE 2.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Fitzwilliam Zoning Ordinance to delete and replace Section 127-14:A-2, Home Occupation / Home Business, in its entirety.

Explanation: The purpose of this amendment is to expedite the home occupation approval process and to clarify the approval process of home businesses.  
(Recommended by the Planning Board)

☐ YES 193

☐ NO 70

**ARTICLE 3.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Fitzwilliam Zoning Ordinance to delete and replace Chapter 148, Solar, in its entirety

Explanation: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify language and eliminate conflicting and/or inconsistent terms and phrases.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

☐ YES 211

☐ NO 51

Meeting opened at 7:19

Moderator asked for a moment of silence for Selectman Dan Baker and prior Police Chief Bruce Newton, both who we lost the prior year.

Also held a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine.

**ARTICLE 4.** To hear and act upon the reports of Agents, Committees and Officers, heretofore chosen.

B. Doerpholz made the motion; motion 2<sup>nd</sup>

No discussion

**Voted in the affirmative**

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$2,315,201 for general municipal operations or take any action thereon. The Selectmen recommend \$ 2,315,201 NOTE: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations voted in any other warrant articles.

M. Nolan made a motion; motion 2<sup>nd</sup>.

No discussion.

**Voted in the affirmative.**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund created by Article #17 of the 1995 Annual Town Meeting or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

J. Craig made a motion; motion 2<sup>nd</sup>.

No discussion.

**Voted in the affirmative.**

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Town Buildings Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund created by ARTICLE #24 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting, or take any action thereon.

(Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

R. Bates made a motion; motion 2<sup>nd</sup>.

No discussion.

**Voted in the affirmative.**

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle & Equipment Purchase Expendable Trust Fund created by ARTICLE # 11 of the 2016 Annual Meeting for the purchase of a fire department vehicle & equipment or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

B. Mitchell made the motion; motion 2<sup>nd</sup>

No discussion.

**Voted in the affirmative.**

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to be added to the Fire Department Bunker Gear/Pagers Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of purchasing protective clothing (bunker gear) and pagers, for the use of the Fire Department created by Article #20 of the 2004 Annual Meeting or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

B. Mitchell made the motion; motion 2<sup>nd</sup>.

No discussion.

**Voted in the affirmative.**

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 to be added to the Roads Repair and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund created by Article #8 of the 2011 Town Meeting or take any action thereon.

(Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

B. Doerpholz made the motion; motion 2<sup>nd</sup>.

C. Holman voiced his concern on the Road Agents salary and wanting to make sure the budget Will be handled.

**Voted in the affirmative.**

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to be added to the Highway Department Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund created by Article #22 of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting for the purposes of purchasing of highway department vehicles and equipment or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

B. Doerpholz made the motion; motion 2<sup>nd</sup>.

R. Blais asked what would be purchased. Was told could not answer that; it's a trust fund.

**Voted in the affirmative.**

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Highway Department Vehicle and Equipment Repair Expendable Trust Fund created by Article #25 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting for the purposes of repairing of highway department vehicles and equipment or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

B. Doerpholz made the motion; motion 2<sup>nd</sup>.

No discussion.

**Voted in the affirmative.**

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Police Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund created by Article #17 of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a police cruiser for the use of the Police Department or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

B. Mitchell made the motion; motion 2<sup>nd</sup>. R. Nolan asked how many cruisers? Chief DiSalvo answered. R. Bates cleared up answers.

**Voted in the affirmative.**

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the town will vote to establish a Police Department Personal Equipment Purchase and Repair Fund for the purpose of purchasing and repairing personal equipment used for police related duties and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to put into fund. Further to name the Board of Selectman as agents to expend from said fund, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectman)

B. Mitchell made the motion; motion 2<sup>nd</sup>.

No discussion.

**Voted in the affirmative.**

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to the Library Building Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund created by Article #12 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of repairs and maintenance to the Library Building or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

R. Marra made the motion; motion 2<sup>nd</sup>.

No discussion.

**Voted in the affirmative.**

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the town will vote to establish a Locke Collection Display Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of securing, displaying and preserving the Locke Collection and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to put into fund. Further to name the Board of Selectman as agents to expend from said fund, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectman)

R. Marra made the motion; motion 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
D. Drugg asked what this collection was.  
K. Thomas explained the Locke collection.

**Voted in the affirmative.**

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Conservation Land Expendable Trust fund created by Article #19 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

P. Kotila made the motion; motion 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
R. Lawrence asked if this could be raised to \$5000.00.  
M. Nolan explained that the CIP discussed this and thought since it was a year of tight budgets \$3000.00 would be best.

**Voted in the affirmative (\$3000.00)**

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to be added to the Grounds keeping Equipment Purchase and Repair Expendable Trust Fund created by Article 16 of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing and repairing equipment used to maintain town properties or take any action thereon. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectman)

B. Doerpholz made the motion; motion 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
No discussion.

**Voted in the affirmative.**

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the town will vote to change the fire department organization per RSA 154:1 from organization under RSA 154:1 (d) with Firewards elected pursuant to RSA 669:17, with the fire chief appointed by the Firewards and firefighters appointed by the fire chief to an organization under RSA 154:1 (a) a fire chief appointed by the local governing body, with firefighters appointed by the fire chief.

B. Mitchell made the motion; motion 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
A. Dubinski (Fire Chief) explained the Article.

M. Nolan discussed favor of Firewards.  
J. Mattson-Whipple said this was tabled indefinitely.  
R. Bates stated Firewards and Selectmen both agree on this.

**Voted in the affirmative.**

**GIVEN UNDER** our hands this 9th day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and Twenty Two

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi L. Wood  
Town Clerk